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**IMAGINARY BORDERS**
**XIUHTEZCATL MARTINEZ  304.28 MAR**
In this short essay, youth director and hip-hop artist Xiuhdezcatl Martinez shares how music feeds his environmental activism and his passion toward creating change.

**THIS BOOK WILL SAVE THE PLANET**
**DANY SIGWALT  XU 363.73874 SIG**
Make a difference on the planet. Discover how you can fight climate change and protect vulnerable people affected by it.

**THE OMNIVORE’S DILEMMA : THE SECRETS BEHIND WHAT YOU EAT**
**MICHAEL POLLAN  XU 394.12 POL**
This essential read shares insight about our eating habits and discusses how making changes to our diet can change our environment.

**DIARY OF A YOUNG NATURALIST**
**DARA MCANULTY  92 MCANULTY D**
16-year-old Dara McAnulty shows readers how his connection with nature helps him juggle the life of being a teenager with Asperger’s/Autism and strengthens his drive to protect the planet.

**TAKING ON THE PLASTICS CRISIS**
**HANNAH TESTA  92 TESTA H**
Uncertain on how to make a difference? Read this straightforward advice for getting involved in the global movement to eliminate single-use plastics.
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FAULT LINES
NORA SHALAWAY CARPENTER  TEEN FIC CARPENTER N
Two Greek Jewish brothers deal with the aftermath of the Holocaust. One blames his 11 year-old self for being tricked into delivering his village to the Nazi trains and the other hunts for his lost brother.

WINGS IN THE WILD
MARGARITA ENGLE  TEEN FIC ENGLE M
The Cuban government criminalizes any art that doesn’t meet their approval. When a hurricane exposes Soleida’s parents’ illegal art, Soleida escapes to Costa Rica seeking asylum. There he meets Dariel. They work to protect the environment and bring attention to the imprisoned artists.

THE NATURE OF WITCHES
RACHEL GRIFFIN  TEEN FIC GRIFFIN R
Witches have maintained the world’s climate for centuries. As the atmosphere becomes more erratic, it is up to Clara, a powerful witch that is tied to every season, to save the world.

DON’T CALL ME A HURRICANE
ELLEN HAGAN  TEEN FIC HAGAN E
It has been five years since a hurricane rocked Eliza Marino’s life. Now, Eliza is passionate about fighting climate change and protecting her hometown. Can she navigate to safe waters while fighting redevelopment and facing her own fears?

THE ONES WE’RE MEANT TO FIND
JOAN HE  TEEN FIC HE J
Kasey lives in an eco-city, which provides clean air, water, and shelter from the outside natural disasters. However, not everything is actually safe, causing Kasey to try to reach the outside world.
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**REGGIE AND DELILAH’S YEAR OF FALLING**
*Elise Bryant  Teen Fic Bryant E*
Delilah can’t open up and Reggie is not as confident as he seems. Through chance encounters, Delilah and Reggie start to build a relationship.

**THESE VIOLENT DELIGHTS**
*Chloe Gong  Teen Fic Gong C*
In 1926, the city is ruled by two gangs, Scarlet and White Flowers. Lately things have started to escalate between them. It’s up to the heirs of each gang, Roma and Juliette, to work together to stop the chaos. Otherwise, there will be nothing left.

**NERDCRUSH**
*Alisha Emrich  Teen Fic Emrich A*
Ramona uses cosplay to give her the confidence and freedom she needs. Her cosplay character, Rel, emails her crush Caleb. Ramona can’t keep her cosplay identity a secret forever. Will Caleb like the real her?

**THIS TIME IT’S REAL**
*Ann Liang  Teen Fic Liang A*
After Eliza Lin’s essay about her perfect boyfriend goes viral, her entire life changes. But, the essay was fictional. To keep up appearances, Eliza strikes a deal with Caz Song to pretend to be her boyfriend. Will things go as planned, or will real feelings emerge?

**THE UPSIDE OF FALLING**
*Alex Light  Teen Fic Light A*
Becca and Brett both need to prove their friends wrong, so they strike a deal to be in a relationship. But will this fake relationship be the most real thing they have ever had?
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BETTING ON YOU
LYNN PAINTER  TEEN FIC PAINTER L
Bailey and Charlie didn’t like each other when they first met. Now as coworkers, they start hanging out and gossiping about other coworkers. Charlie has a secret that could end their relationship. Will they be able to overcome it?

LOVE LETTERS FOR JOY
MELISSA SEE  TEEN FIC SEE M
While her classmates are focused on romance, Joy is determined to become Caldwell Prep's first disabled valedictorian. However, with all the attention on love, Joy who is asexual, sees no reason she shouldn't find her first love also. Soon she finds herself falling in love with someone she would never expect.

ONLY LOVE CAN BREAK YOUR HEART
KATHERINE WEBBER  TEEN FIC WEBBER
The Californian desert provides Reiko refuge from the pressures of life and her own secrets. Seth, who also has a love of the desert, befriends Reiko. As summer comes to an end, their relationship begins to crack because they can’t provide each other what they both need.

WHAT IF WE WERE...
AXELLE LENOIR  TEEN 741.5971 WHAT
Marie and Nathalie create a dimension reimagining game, where they name a topic then imagine life in that universe. Both girls thought they have named it all. What happens when a new player joins the game?

PAPER PLANES
JENNIE WOOD  TEEN 741.5973 PAPER
After a life-changing event, Dylan and Leighton are sent to a summer camp for troubled youth. Will the two be able to save their friendship and return to high school?

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**CONDITIONS OF A HEART**
**BETHANY MANGLE  TEEN FIC MANGLE B**
After being suspended for a high school incident, Brynn’s carefully hidden disability is exposed. Can she reinvent herself to navigate the trials of high school, her identity, her love life, and her future?

**DON’T ASK ME WHERE I’M FROM**
**JENNIFER DE LEON  TEEN FIC DE LEON J**
Fifteen-year-old Liliana Cruz is doing just fine, until everything falls apart. She finds herself in a completely new high school after her parents sign her up for METCO, a desegregation program that mixes students from different ethnic groups in Boston.

**WHERE YOU SEE YOURSELF**
**CLAIRE FORREST  TEEN FIC FORREST C**
Effie Galanos has a lot to consider when applying for colleges. She hopes to find the perfect fit for her and her wheelchair. She would love to go to a college in NYC, but first she needs to battle the high school admin just to go to prom.

**FROM LITTLE TOKYO, WITH LOVE**
**SARAH KUHN  TEEN FIC KUHN S**
Rika Rakuyama doesn’t feel like she really belongs anywhere—that is until she meets Hank Chen. The two set off on an adventure through LA to find Rika’s long lost mother. In the process, Rika finds out who she is and what community she belongs to.

**BEING MARY BENNET**
**J.C. PETERSON  TEEN FIC PETERSON J**
Marnie Barnes realizes she is a Mary Bennet from Pride and Prejudice. Though this news is devastating, Marnie is determined to reinvent herself. With the help of her roommate, a cute boy, and a rescue pup, Marnie may learn to accept herself after all.
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THE PRINCESS AND THE FANGIRL: A GEEKERELLA FAIRY TALE
ASHLEY POSTON  TEEN FIC POSTON A
A case of mistaken identity changes the lives of an ordinary fangirl and the actress playing her favorite character. Switching roles the duo must work together to find out who they really are in this loose adaption of The Prince and the Pauper.

AGAIN, BUT BETTER
CHRISTINE RICCIO  TEEN FIC RICCIO C
Shane has been doing college all wrong. She has great grades, but zero friends. Plus she is missing out on college life. When given the opportunity to redo her past, will she use this second chance to wisely and discover who she really was meant to be?

CLIQUE BAIT
ANN VALETT  TEEN FIC VALETT A
In this twisted tale of reinventing yourself for revenge, Chloe's best friend's life is ruined by the popular kids in high school. Chloe changes her looks and befriends the members of the clique to take them down. What happens when she must choose between betraying her oldest friend or the boy she now loves?

KOMI CAN'T COMMUNICATE
TOMOHITO ODA  TEEN 741.5952 KOMI
Socially anxious high schooler, Komi is mistaken as being shy and is ignored by her classmates. Her greatest wish is to make friends. When Tadano realizes this, they set off on a mission to make 100 friends.

ORANGE
ICHIGO TAKANO  TEEN 741.5952 ORANGE
Naho receives letters from herself ten years in the future. She doesn't believe the letters until they continue to come true. Her future self warns her to watch over a new transfer student. Will Naho change who she is in order to protect the new kid?